

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: :
Kaddani et al. : Attorney Docket No.: 43315-225720
Application No.: 10/558,386 : Art Unit: 4118
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Title: WELDING PROCESS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement issued April 8, 2009, Applicants restrict prosecution to Group I, claims 1-5, 13 and 14. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the basis that unity of invention exists between the two groups of claims because the two groups of claims share special technical features. Along these lines, claims 10-12, which are directed to a computer program product, recite a computer program product that includes computer program instructions for carrying out a method recited in claim 1 and the method recited in claim 1 includes steps that the computer program instructions carry out. Accordingly, Applicants submit that unity of invention exists and respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all pending claims.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit

overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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